

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

December 1, 2011: 9:00am – 12:00pm
State Office Tower 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Leo Asuncion (OP/CZM)	Brian Hunter (DOH)
Cindy Barger (USACE)	Dawn Johnson (SCD)
Jim Buika (Maui Co.)	Jeff Kent (OHA)
Malia Chow (HIHWNMS)	Marnie Meyer (OP/CZM)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co.)
Luisa Cristini (UH SOEST)	Darren Okimoto (UH Sea Grant)
Dale Cua (Kauai Co.)	Daniel Park (U.S. Coast Guard)
Janice Fukawa (U.S. Navy)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT)
Zena Grecni (ICAP)	Barry Usagawa (BWS)
Elia Herman (DLNR/Sanctuary)	Emma Yuen (DLNR/DOFAW)

Miki Lee (Facilitator, Leeway Enterprises)

Outreach Committee Update

A climate change legislative update, co-sponsored by the Senate-House (ENE-EEP), is scheduled January 17th, 1-3pm (meeting location to be confirmed). The purpose of this informational briefing is to provide legislators and the community with a summary of climate science information and a discussion of observed and anticipated climate change impacts in Hawaii and suggested adaptation policies and tools. Representatives from the Office of Planning, the University of Hawaii, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy will present information before the committee.

A draft agenda will be shared with ORMP members when available. It was noted that attendance may be affected because NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary is holding an advisory council meeting the same day.

Suggested stakeholders to invite to the briefing included:

- ORMP Policy and Working Groups;
- Participants from August Climate Change workshop, representing a diversity of roles, including business, visitor industry, insurance, development, etc.;
- Tim Lyons, the Legislative Center;
- Planning Commissions;
- Mayors; and
- State Department heads (including those agencies not on ORMP such as DOE). Personal initiations from Jessie suggested.

Suggestions for 2012 Outreach Committee priorities:

- Collect and inventory all available existing outreach materials and make available to ORMP members to use in their respective outreach efforts. Dolan has already started work on this for the legislative briefing.

- Establish the media as an ally. Share climate survey results.
- Explore working with high school video production programs to create relevant video programs and messages. It may be possible to get a grant to fund this initiative.
- Consider developing a set of climate change metrics that helps convey the message in a manner that the general public can appreciate. (Reference to large metrics tends to overwhelm and create fear and resistance; whereas creating short-term goals encourages people to get involved.)

The Outreach Committee needs additional membership. The following volunteered to join the committee: Luisa Cristini, Elia Herman, Jeff Kent, and Jim Coon (for legislative briefing). If anyone else would like to join the Outreach Committee, please let CZM know.

It was suggested the Outreach Committee bring a proposal and recommendations to the full ORMP Working Group for review and input prior to moving forward with actions/activities. It was also suggested that the Committee provide updates as major activities are completed, along with regular status reports at ORMP Working Group meetings.

National Climate Change Survey

Darren Okimoto (UH Sea Grant) announced that ORMP members (and other selected groups and individuals) would receive a request in January to complete a (Survey Monkey) survey on climate change in Hawaii. The survey was developed by the Oregon Sea Grant Program, and will be distributed to all Sea Grant programs nationally. The survey is relatively short and expected to take 20 minutes to complete. A suggestion was made to use the survey to begin to quantify the economic impact of climate change. Upon compilation and analysis, survey results will be available to the ORMP group.

Guest Presentation: The Rain Follows the Forest, A Plan to Replenish Hawaii's Source of Water

Emma Yuen, Natural Area Reserves System Enhancement Coordinator, DLNR Department of Forestry and Wildlife presented. It was noted that DLNR's plan, specifically its *mauka* focus, supports the ORMP's climate change priorities. If appropriate, ORMP members can support DLNR's plan in the coming Legislature as they seek multi-year funding to support the plan's watershed efforts. A request was made that DLNR inform ORMP members (via OP) as early as possible on specific legislative bills, so that support or concerns may be identified sooner than later.

Interim Updates

Integrated Planning Committee: Some members of the Integrated Planning Committee met and discussed leveraging the Climate Change Risk and Vulnerability Study and West Maui Watershed Initiative.

USACE: USACE's Civil Works Program is expected to be affected by budget cuts, effective 2014. More information will be shared once final decision is made.

ICAP: Doug Codiga will share the *Sea Level Rise Public Tool Kit* and *Regulatory Takings Paper* at the January 5th ORMP Working Group meeting.

Sea Grant: An RFP (\$1M over 2 years) will be released in early February to study coastal storm impacts, do outreach and education on the subject matter, etc.

Maui County: A successful workshop was recently held in leeward Maui to discuss plans to mitigate and reduce the impact of storm flooding. It was also announced that Mayor Arakawa is working toward establishing a Division of Sustainability (within the Environmental Management Office) to focus on invasive species, watershed and ungulate issues.

MACZAC: On Maui, Trilogy's second year of monthly volunteer reef clean ups (Blue Aina) was recently completed. The end result has been positive, with strong community participation and feedback. This clean up model may be useful for other community engagement and outreach activities. MACZAC will have a meeting on Oahu on December 15, 2011.

ORMP Updates

2006 ORMP Evaluation and Update: SSFM International has been selected to work on the next 5-year update of the 2006 ORMP. Work is scheduled to begin January 2012, with an evaluation and final update completed by December 2013. ORMP members and other stakeholders will be consulted throughout the update process.

Regional Ocean Governance: The NOAA Coastal Services Center has announced that they intend to award the Hawaii CZM Program with \$250,000 in January 2012 for an 18-month project to strengthen and solidify a Hawaii Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership, based upon the existing ORMP partnership. OP will be hiring a full-time coordinator for the duration of the project to manage the development of the partnership.

SMA Permit for Honolulu Sea Water Air Conditioning System: Leo announced that the SMA permit for the ocean water air conditioning project is awaiting decision/approval on DOH's review of the permit request.

Coastal State Organization: Leo announced that white papers are available to interested ORMP partners from the recent Coastal States Organization, including new coastal management and climate change policies.

Next Steps

The next ORMP meeting will be Thursday, January 5, 2011 at the Office of Planning. Tentative agenda items include presentations on the *Sea Level Rise Public Tool Kit* and *Regulatory Takings Paper*, discussion on 2012 priorities for the Integrated Planning Committee, and standing agenda items on climate change and regional ocean partnerships.